

## **CLAIMS**

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9 (New) A flooring tile to be laid on a sub floor comprising a rubber base and a plurality of wooden blocks disposed along said rubber base with said blocks separated from one another in order to define a plurality of slots along said base.

10 (New) The flooring tile of claim 9, wherein said rubber base is flexible.

11 (New) The flooring tile of claim 9, wherein said slots define an anti-skid walking surface.

12 (New) The flooring tile of claim 9, wherein said rubber base is designed to grip said sub-floor.

13 (New) The flooring tile of claim 9, wherein said blocks have a shape selected from the group consisting of square, rectangular, rhomboidal and curved.

14 (New) The flooring tile of claim 1, wherein said slots have an inverted wedge shape in cross-section.

15 (New) The flooring tile of claim 9, wherein said rubber base has a plurality of edges depending from the bottom thereof.

16 (New) A method of constructing a flooring tile comprising:  
adhering a wood board onto a rubber base; and  
forming slots in the wood board for defining a plurality of wood blocks.

17 (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the slots are formed in both a  
lengthwise and widthwise direction.

18 (New) The method of claim 16, wherein the slots have a depth that extends  
the entire thickness of the board.

19 (New) A flooring tile system comprising:  
a sub-floor and a plurality of flooring tiles laid on the sub-floor;  
wherein each said flooring tile comprises a rubber base and a plurality of wooden  
blocks disposed along said rubber base with said blocks separated from one another in  
order to define a plurality of slots along said base.

20 (New) The flooring system of claim 19, wherein the sub-floor is selected from  
the group consisting of a flat sub-floor and a curved sub-floor.

21 (New) The flooring tile system of claim 20, wherein said curved sub-floor has  
a shape selected from the group consisting of convex shaped and concave shaped.